

**Remarks/Arguments**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claim 1 is amended, claim 30 is cancelled, and new claims 41 to 45 are added. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced. Thus, claims 1, 8, 10-22, 25-29 and 31 to 45 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action of October 21, claims 18, 30-31 and 39-40 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the Examiner's remarks, the allowable subject matter of claim 30 has been introduced into claim 1, and claim 30 has been cancelled. Additionally, the allowable subject matter of claim 18 has been combined with the subject matter of claim 1 and presented as new claim 41. New claim 42 contains the features of previous claim 31 in independent form. Claim 31 remains pending in the application, being dependent on claim 1. New claims 43 and 44 include the features of allowable claims 30 and 31, respectively, written in independent form. Finally, the allowable subject matter of claim 39 has been combined with the subject matter of claim 1 and is presented as new claim 45. Claim 39 remains pending in the application, being dependent on claim 1.

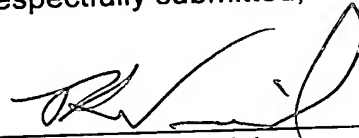
The present amendment was not earlier presented because it was believed that the previous amendment overcame the rejections. No further searching is required by the Examiner as the present amendment simply places the claims in

allowable form in accordance with the Examiner's comments in the Office Action of October 21, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered and that the above-identified application be allowed.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,



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